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Assault charges

"Horrifying." Three Bucks County residents were held on charges of allegedly assaulting a gay couple in Rittenhouse this past September. The suspects were identified via social media. PAGE 04

Alleged gay-basher Philip R. Williams exited the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia on Dec. 16, 2014. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Stone found dead of self-inflicted stab wound

Police. Bradley Stone found dead in a wooded area after killing his wife and five other relatives over an apparent custody dispute.

Police vehicles line the street as police respond to the massacre and hunt for the suspect, Bradley Stone, pictured below. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Victims

Deceased:

- Nicole Hill, 33, Stone's ex-wife
- Patricia Hill, 75, Nicole's grandmother
- Joanne Gilbert, Nicole's mother
- Tricia Flick, Nicole's sister
- AJ Flick, Tricia's husband and Nicole's brother-in-law
- Nina Flick, Tricia's 14-year-old daughter and Nicole's niece

Injured:

- Anthony Flick, Tricia's 17-year-old son and Nicole's nephew

After Bradley Stone killed his ex-wife and her five family members, he ran for the woods a half-mile from his Pennsburg home, cut himself in the stomach and bled to death.

While the coroner has not signed off on the cause and manner of death, "Based upon what we found at the scene we believe that he died from self-inflicted cutting wounds in the center part of his body," said Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman.

It was not immediately clear how long Stone had been dead before his body was discovered.

Ferman said a blade was found at the scene, but did not know whether it was a sword.

If a sword was used, the manner of Stone's death would resemble the seppuku, a method of suicide considered honorable by the military, or samurai, class in feudal Japan.

The 35-year-old former Marine on Monday killed his ex-wife and five of his in-laws in a child custody dispute, before taking off with his two daughters, ages 6 and 8, whom he left, unharmed, at a neighbor's. He was found around 1 p.m. Tuesday following a 34-hour manhunt that stretched across four towns and two counties.

Metro reported Monday night that law enforcement officials suspected Stone was already dead. Several sources speculated that Stone would commit suicide.

Besides his ex-wife, Stone killed her grandmother, mother, sister, brother-in-law, 14-year-old niece and critically injured her 17-year-old nephew in a shooting spree near Philadelphia on Monday, Police said. Ferman said that considering the scope and manner of the murders, "We are looking at a intentional, deliberate killing, but in terms of … what planning was involved we just don't know that yet."

Quoted

"We don't typically deal with events like this, in particular, this part of Montgomery County in the Northwestern part of the community. It's quiet. There are families. … So to have an event like this that really shatters the peace and tranquility of the community is very disturbing." Ferman

Visit **Metro.us** to read more about the murders and investigation.

A nephew, Anthony Flick, who was found with cutting wounds, is at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital "in very serious but stable condition" and is surrounded by family members, Ferman said.

"I cannot emphasize how serious his condition is," Ferman said, "but at least at this point we are hopeful that he will be fine."

She added that Flick suffered significant cutting injuries.

"So it certainly appears to us that they were defensive in nature and that he was fighting off his attacker," Ferman said. "How that evolved and how things transpired we don't know and we're hopeful that he will be OK and will be able to share that with us."

Stone has a widow and an infant child, Ferman said, both of whom are safe. A court will ultimately determine who gets custody of Stone's two daughters.

While Ferman could not directly link the murders with Hill and Stone's post-marital issues, the two "had ongoing custody disputes involving the two children and that was a very contentious, protracted set of disputes and we learned that just last week he had tried to secure emergency custody of the children and that was denied."

The killings and the custody dispute "may be related," said Ferman.

Stone and his ex-wife, Nicole Hill, were divorced in 2009 following a volatile relationship.

"I think when it comes to why people do things. … I could look at some of the court filings and say, 'He wasn't getting his way and he was dissatisfied with that,'" Ferman said, "but there's no excuse. There is no valid explanation, there's no justification for snuffing out these six innocent lives and injuring another child. This is just a horrific tragedy that our community has had to endure."

Stone had served as a weatherman with a Marine Corps artillery unit in Iraq, according to press reports.

Ferman said Stone was not, to her knowledge, diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, but said he was "in treatment and under supervision by the court system" on charges of driving under the influence.

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From left, alleged gay-bashers Philip R. Williams, Kathryn Knott and Kevin J. Harrigan exit the Criminal Justice Center. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Gay-bash suspects' charges upheld

Courts. Judge finds commonwealth made a case against three suspects for the September beating of two gay men.

Zachary Hesse, 28, described the assault he and his boyfriend, Andrew Haught, suffered on Sept. 11 in Center City as "horrifying."

Of a group of 15 allegedly involved, only three people, Kevin Harrigan, 26, Kathryn Knott, 24, and Philip R. Williams, 24, were arrested and charged with aggravated assault and conspiracy.

Speaking softly, his voice trembling, Hesse said he and Haught were on their way to get a slice of pizza when they encountered the group at 16th and Chancellor streets.

Hesse said the altercation began when Harrigan asked him if Haught was his "f— boyfriend?"

"Nobody had ever asked me that question before," Hesse testified at the preliminary hearing on Tuesday. "I said, 'Yeah, that's my f— boyfriend.'"

The taunting escalated and Harrigan punched him. It then became a melee, Hesse said.

Knott pointed at his face while calling him a "f—," Hesse said, and when he "pushed back" against her, Williams struck him in the face — then he saw Haught lying on the ground.

"He was lying in a pool of blood. … There was a laceration on his face, open and oozing blood. It was horrible," said Hesse.

Haught, who did not testify, had his jaw wired shut for eight weeks, Hesse said.

Defense attorneys for the trio disputed the charges, claiming the testimony was vague, but prosecutor Michael Barry argued all three defendants participated in the attack.

Municipal Court Judge Charles Hayden upheld all charges and set an arraignment date for January.

Quoted

"I just didn't think people would have the nerve to say something like that — and then follow it with force."
Hesse

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Poynter. Tuesday's Metro cover named 'Front Page of the Day'

Metro Philadelphia received national recognition from a historic journalism institution Tuesday.

The Tuesday edition of the city's No. 1 free daily newspaper was named by Poynter Institute as the "Front Page of the Day."

The photo, shot by freelance photographer Charles Mostoller, was taken as SWAT teams stormed the Pennsburg home of Bradley Stone.

Stone allegedly shot and killed his ex-wife and five of her family members.

On Tuesday officials announced Stone's body was found in a wooded area not far from where this photo was taken.

The Poynter Institute is a nonprofit journalism school based in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The school owns the Tampa Bay Times.

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UPenn frat apologizes for Beyonce 'sex doll'

A UPenn fraternity is in hot water for a Christmas card featuring a Beyonce sex doll.

According to The Daily Pennsylvanian, Phi Delta Theta fraternity released an apology calling the card "distasteful."

"Once removed from the packaging, it bore no semblance to the artist beyond skin color adding to its offensive nature," the brothers wrote.

The fraternity's operations have reportedly been suspended while an investigation is underway. METRO

A Facebook photo

Pair of Philly politicians are indicted in corruption sting

Pay to play. The lawmakers don't deny accepting the illegal gifts, DA Seth Williams said.

State Reps. Ronald Waters, left, and Vanessa Lowery Brown in undercover videos taped during the sting. / PROVIDED

State Reps. Ronald Waters and Vanessa Lowery Brown turned themselves in on Tuesday to face charges of accepting money "in exchange for promised political actions" from a confidential informant from 2011 to 2012, District Attorney Seth Williams announced.

Waters accepted $8,750 and Brown accepted $4,000 from an informant who wore a wire and taped the encounters, Williams said.

Neither representative disputed the allegations, Williams said.

"Both officials personally appeared before our grand jury and fully admitted that they knowingly took illegal cash payments," Williams said in a statement.

Quoted

"Hopefully, today's events will help clean up some of the mess we have all been watching."
Williams

On one tape, the informant gives Waters $2,000, then says, "Just make sure you vote no on that," according to the tapes.

"OK," Waters replied.

On another recording, Brown told the informant, "I need a contribution. I'll take cash."

After the informant offered her $500, Brown replied, "What do you need me to do?"

Former Philadelphia Traffic Court supervising judge Thomasine Tynes was previously indicted in October for accepting a $2,000 Tiffany bracelet in return for favors.

Tynes, Brown, Waters and two other Democratic state reps from Philadelphia, Louise Bryant and Michelle Brownlee, were all allegedly caught accepting illegal gifts during the sting which Attorney General Kathleen Kane shut down and called "unprosecutable."

Then-Attorney General Tom Corbett set up the sting and assigned a confidential informant, who the Inquirer has identified as former political operative Tyron B. Ali.

In June, Williams announced that he had taken the case file from Kane and was convening an investigatory grand jury.

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Women mourn their relative, Mohammed Ali Khan, 15, a student who was killed during an attack by Taliban gunmen at the Army Public School. / REUTERS

Taliban slaughter at least 130 in Pakistan school

Attack. Some 500 pupils between the ages of 10 and 20 were inside the building when the gunfire started.

At least 130 Pakistanis, most of them children, were killed in the broad daylight attack on the military-run school on Tuesday, an assault lauded by Taliban insurgents as revenge for the killings of their own relatives by the Pakistani army.

Reuters interviews with witnesses showed most victims were shot in the first hours of the assault when gunmen sprayed the premises with bullets in an indiscriminate massacre.

It was possible that some were also killed in the ensuing gunfight with Pakistani armed forces who stormed the building.

The school in Peshawar, a Pakistani city on the edge of the country's turbulent tribal belt, is operated by the army. Although it enrols some civilian students, many of its pupils are children of army officials, the Taliban's intended target.

A group of nine militants, suicide vests tightly strapped to their bodies, burst into the building, according to witnesses. Some said they were wearing Pakistani army uniforms.

They bypassed the heavily guarded main entrance and slipped in through a less frequently used back entrance, according to the witnesses.

Shahrukh Khan, 15, was shot in both legs but survived after hiding under a bench.

"One of my teachers was crying, she was shot in the hand and she was crying in pain," he said from a bed in Peshawar's Lady Reading Hospital. REUTERS

Quoted

"By targeting students and teachers in this heinous attack, terrorists have once again shown their depravity." President Obama

Quoted

"One terrorist then walked up to her and started shooting her until she stopped making any sound. All around me my friends were lying injured and dead." Khan

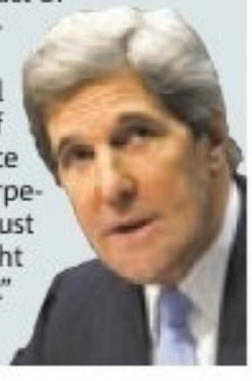
Pakistan massacre

Kerry says school attack angers the world

Secretary of State John Kerry said Tuesday's Taliban attack on a school in Peshawar, Pakistan, in which at least 130 people — most of them children — were killed had angered the world.

"The news of the brazen murder of more than 120 innocent students in Peshawar is devastating," he told reporters. "This morning, wherever you live, wherever you are, those are our children and this is the world's loss.

"This act of terror angers and shakes all people of conscience ... the perpetrators must be brought to justice." REUTERS



The collapse of Putin's economy

Economic instability. U.S. and European sanctions have targeted the finance and oil industries.

The foundations on which Vladimir Putin built his 15 years in charge of Russia are giving way.

The meltdown of the ruble, which has plunged 18 percent against the dollar in the last two days alone, is endangering the mantra of stability around which Putin has based his rule. While his approval rating is near an all-time high on the back of his stance over Ukraine, the currency crisis risks eroding it and undermining his authority, Moscow-based analysts said.

The president took over from an ailing Boris Yeltsin in 1999 with pledges to banish the chaos that characterized his nation's post-communist transition, including the government's 1998 devaluation and default. While he oversaw economic growth and wage increases in all but one of his years as leader, the collapse in oil prices coupled with U.S. and European sanctions present him with the biggest challenge of his presidency.

"People thought: 'he's a strong leader who brought order and helped improve our living standards,'" said Dmitry Oreshkin, an independent political analyst in Moscow. "And now it's the same Putin, he's still got all the power, but everything is collapsing."

While the unfolding crisis may lead to a gradual erosion of Putin's support, any protests that occur will mainly be against lower-level officials, said Igor Bunin, head of Moscow's Center for Political Technologies. BLOOMBERG

Quoted

"How many bankruptcies await us in January? ... People will be out of work, out of money. The nightmare is only just beginning."

Dmitry Gudkov, opposition lawmaker

Putin's Russia relies on the energy industry for as much as a quarter of economic output, Moody's Investors Service said in a report. / REUTERS

Interest rates

17%

In a surprise move today, the Russian central bank raised interest rates by the most in 16 years, taking its benchmark to 17 percent. That failed to halt the rout in the ruble, which has plummeted to about 70 rubles a dollar from 34.

Experts say

Economic woes will deepen

The ruble meltdown and accompanying economic slump marks the collapse of Putin's oil-fueled economic system of the past 15 years, said an executive at Gazprombank, the lender affiliated to Russia's state gas exporter. He asked not to be identified.

The higher interest rate will crush lending to households and businesses and deepen Russia's looming recession, according to Neil Shearing, chief emerging-markets. BLOOMBERG

Cautious. Apple stops online sales in Russia over ruble fluctuations

Apple Inc. has halted online sales in Russia due to "extreme" ruble fluctuations, the company said.

Last month, the company increased the price of the iPhone 6 by 25 percent in Russia.

Apple closely monitors currencies, with Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri telling analysts on Oct. 20 that while the strengthening U.S. dollar had little effect on the company's results during the quarter that ended Sept. 27, it's "becoming a significant headwind" in the current period.

IPhone in Russia / REUTERS

Quoted

"Our online store in Russia is currently unavailable while we review pricing."

Alan Hely, a spokesman for Apple

Russia sales make up a small part of Apple's market for the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, which were rolled out this year. IPhone sales in the country doubled last year to 1.57 million unit, bringing in $1 billion, according to researcher IDC. Apple shipped 153.4 million iPhones in 2013, according to IDC.

Until late November, Apple had refrained from increasing iPhone prices in Russia, making the price for an iPhone in the country Europe's lowest at about $700. BLOOMBERG

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Judge. Immigration action declared unconstitutional

President Barack Obama's new plan to ease the threat of deportation for 4.7 million undocumented immigrants violates the Constitution, a federal judge found on Tuesday, handing down the first legal ruling against the plan.

The ruling has no immediate impact, with the government saying there was no reason for Judge Arthur Schwab of the Western District of Pennsylvania to address the issue in the case, which concerns 42-year-old Honduran immigrant Elionardo Juarez-Escobar.

Schwab is the first judge to rule on the legality of the plan Obama announced on Nov. 20. The executive action by the Democratic president is opposed by Republicans and is already subject to other legal challenges.

Schwab ruled that the executive action violated the Constitution's guarantee of separation of powers and the separate "take care clause," which requires the president to faithfully execute laws passed by Congress.

Schwab says he ruled on the executive action issue because he concluded that Juarez-Escobar could be eligible for relief under the executive action.

Government lawyers told Schwab that Juarez-Escobar, who has pleaded guilty to re-entering the country, was not eligible because Obama's order does not affect criminal proceedings.

REUTERS

MEGAN LORENZ

Seeing the owl picture

It appears that owls love a selfie, too. Megan Lorenz took this shot of a burrowing owl (Athene cunicularia) staring at a GoPro camera during a visit to Cape Coral, Florida. Her picture was a winner in the Backyard Habitat Category in U.S. conservation group National Wildlife Federation's annual photo competition. / MEGAN LORENZ

Candidacy

Jeb Bush explores presidential run in 2016

Jeb Bush is actively exploring a run for the presidency in 2016, making the former Florida governor with the famous political last name one of the first major Republicans to formally move toward a possible candidacy.

Bush, 61, said on Tuesday he will establish a political action committee in January, a step that an aide said will allow him to engage politically with supporters and potential donors and determine whether sufficient support exists for a run.

To be successful, Bush will have to overcome opposition from increasingly powerful conservatives in the Republican Party in order to best what is expected to be a crowded Republican field in 2016.

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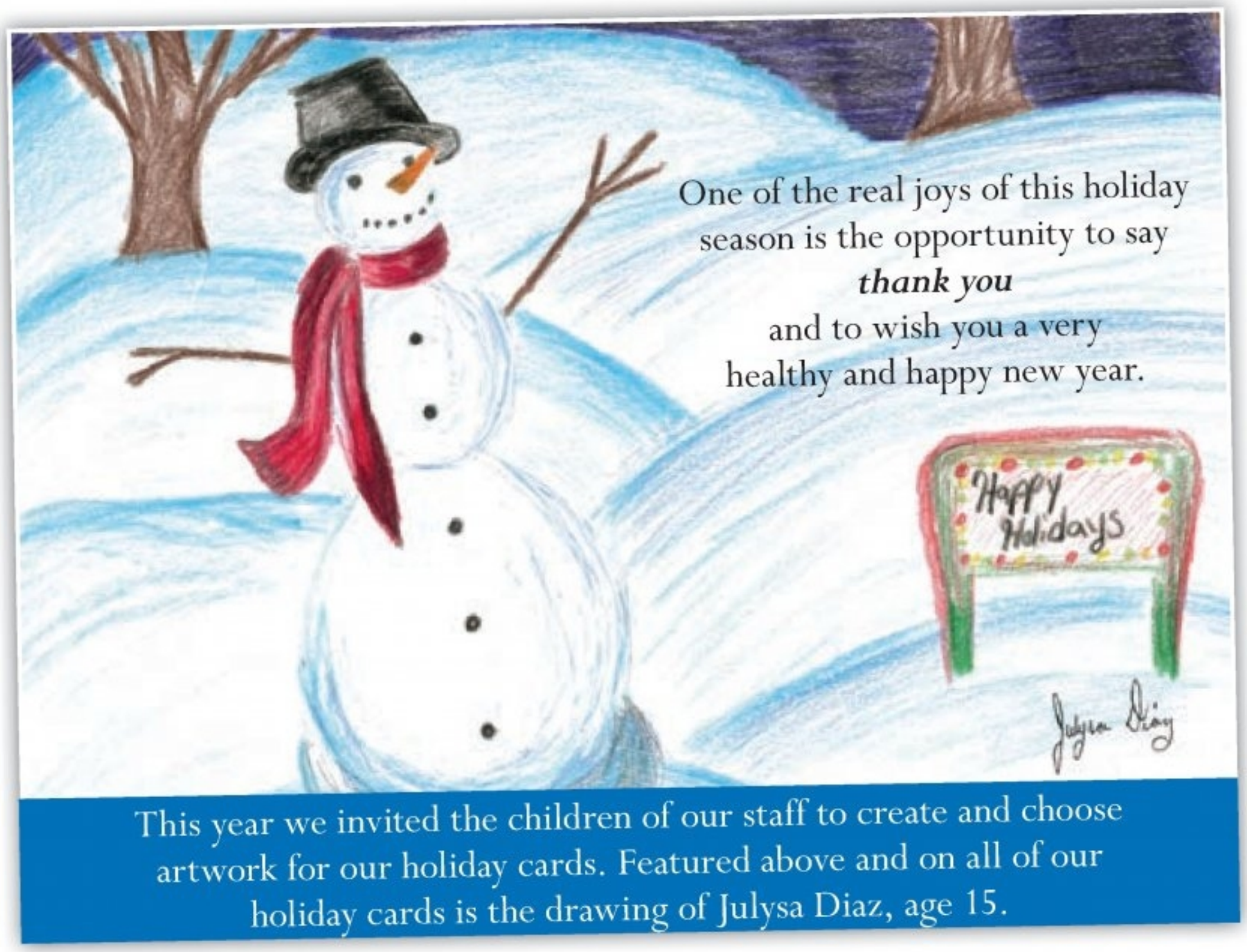
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Clues. NASA rover finds organic molecules, methane gas on Mars

NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has found carbon-containing compounds in samples drilled out of an ancient rock, the first definitive detection of organics on the surface of Earth's neighbor planet, scientists said on Tuesday.

The rover also found spurts of methane gas in the atmosphere, a chemical that on Earth is strongly tied to life. Additional studies, which may be beyond the rover's capabilities, are needed to determine if the organic compounds and/or the methane gas were produced by past or present life on Mars or if they stem from geochemical processes.

"We have had a major discovery. We have found organics on Mars," Curiosity lead scientist John Grotzinger, with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, said during a webcast press conference at a science meeting in San Francisco.

NASA's Mars rover Curiosity drilled into this rock target, "Cumberland," and collected a powdered sample of material from the rock's interior. / NASA / REUTERS

Quoted

"The probability of any of these things being sources [from life] ... we just have to respect that it is a possibility." Grotzinger

Curiosity picked up hints of organics in its earliest chemical analysis of rocks in Gale Crater, a 96-mile-wide impact basin where the rover made a sky-crane landing in August 2012.

Last week, scientists published research showing the crater was once filled with water, with sediments building up over time to form 3-mile high Mount Sharp, which rises from the basin's floor. REUTERS

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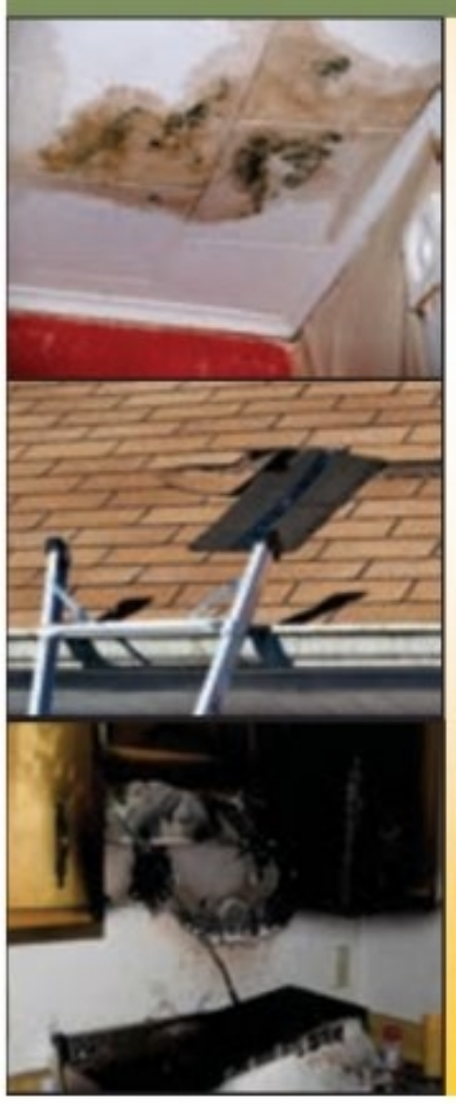

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Today, Harry Styles is getting into the holiday spirit, Whitney Cummings is shilling for "The Gambler," Paris Hilton is London's problem — for today, at least — Marlon Wayans has some tips for life and Lena Dunham is just being honest.

@Harry_Styles: Polishing my dreidel and searching for oil. Chanukah sameach everybody.

@WhitneyCummings: mark wahlberg is in another movie. it's called "mark wahlberg is in yet another jam"

@ParisHilton: Time for some London shopping!

@MarlonWayans: I started smiling hard the day I stopped giving a f---... Control your smile

@lenadunham: The doctor asked "do you need any pain medicine?" and I said "no, doctor, I WANT pain medicine. It's different."#adulthood #maturity #wisdom

1 Fantasy franchise feminism fracas!

Looking for someone to take issue with "Harry Potter" star Emma Watson's U.N. address about feminism? Well, "Game of Thrones" star Maisie Williams is happy to serve. The 17-year-old tells the Guardian that she's impatient with such "first-world feminism" and is looking to do more. "A lot of what Emma Watson spoke about, I just think, 'That doesn't bother me,'" Williams says. "I know things aren't perfect for women in the U.K. and in America, but there are women in the rest of the world who have it far worse." Your move, Hermione.

Maisie Williams takes on Emma Watson. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

2 Amy Pascal apology tour continues

With more leaked emails hitting the Web every day, it should come as no surprise that Sony chief Amy Pascal gathered her employees this week at the studio's Culver City, California, lot to address the ongoing hacking scandal. And it also shouldn't come as a surprise that we know about the apology because someone snuck out audio of it. "It devastates me that something I did or said in a second would hurt any one of you and for that I am profoundly sorry," a "near tears" Pascal told staffers during a pair of meetings Monday, according to The Hollywood Reporter. At least one employee seemed mollified, telling the trade, "Amy made what sounded like a serious apology."

3 Why Jon Hamm isn't playing a superhero

With the glut of comic book movies coming out of the Marvel and DC universes — with extensive releases already slated through 2020 — it's kind of surprising that lantern-jawed, deep-voiced "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm hasn't donned some tights by now. Well, it turns out it has not been for lack of trying on the studios' parts. Hamm tells the Radio Times that he's "been in contention for quite a few" superhero films over the last few years but has passed on them all.

"The deals that they make [actors] do are so Draconian," Hamm explains. "And of course, you are signed on for not only the movie that you are signed on for … at least two more that you haven't read and you have no idea what they are going to be and all the crossover ones you are going to have to do." OK, fine. But now at least we can have fun speculating which roles he turned down. And no fair saying "all of them." Let's get creative here.

HERE'S JON HAMM LOOKING ODDLY CLARK KENT-LIKE.

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Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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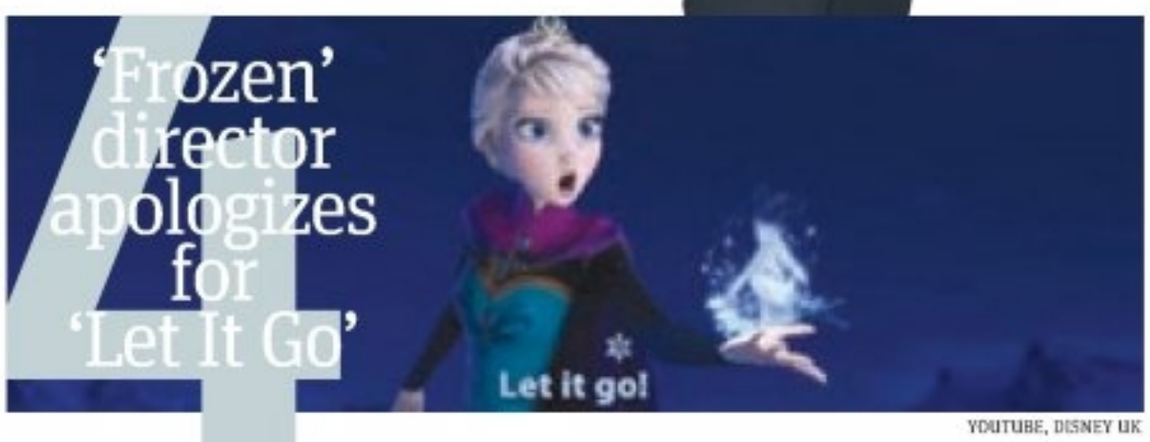
4 'Frozen' director apologizes for 'Let It Go'



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Parents, "Frozen" director Jennifer Lee feels your pain — and she's so sorry for the agony she has unwittingly had a hand in inflicting upon you. "A year ago, I'd meet people who when they found out who I was they'd say, 'Oh, we love the songs! We sing them all the time,'" Lee tells The Hollywood Reporter. "Now they're like, 'Yep, we're still listening to those songs.' I've gone from, 'Thank you' to, 'Sorry!'" Hey, come on, hakuna matata!

Daily video

Epic Rap Battle, legendary director edition

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The hard-working beat masters at Epic Rap Battles of History are going to the movies with their latest, "Steven Spielberg vs. Alfred Hitchcock." And the filmmakers don't pull any punches. "I produce cartoons and video games for all ages, you produce Jimmy Stewart making one of two faces," the "Jurassic Park" director blasts. But Hitch isn't going down without a fight: "Half your billions should go to John Williams, now brace yourself as I reveal my brilliance." Sure, it's billed as Spielberg against Hitchcock, but the feud is quickly co-opted by Quentin Tarantino, Stanley Kubrick and an appropriately shouty Michael Bay. The winner, though, is up to us viewers.

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The stars of Q102's Jingle Ball made the most of their visit when they weren't onstage at the Wells Fargo Center. Meghan Trainor, here posing with Global Spectrum staff before the show, hung out at Hotel Monaco, Nick Jonas ate at Cantina Los Cabalitos and Jessie J was spotted in a Phillies T-shirt. / IKE RICHMAN

If 2014 was slow for filming in Philly, things are suddenly ramping up at year's end for movie and television production. "Fruitvale Station" director/writer **Ryan Coogler** has been in town with actor **Michael B. Jordan** to start shooting "Creed," the next sequel in the "Rocky" franchise. **Luis Guzman** and **Sylvester Stallone** will also appear.

Food Network star chef **Robert Irvine** of "Restaurant: Impossible" was busy here too, not eating or cooking, but working out and filming his upcoming program "Fitness: Impossible." Irvine's Philly-based brand manager **Justin Leonard** is in on the fun. "Fitness: Impossible" has been filming since September; the Food Network show airs early 2015.

Philly men rarely get their fashion due. Thankfully, longtime local men's clothier **Wayne Glassman** is opening **Wayne Edwards Workshop** boutique on the second floor of 1710 Sansom this month. Along with men's ready-to-wear items, the focus is custom-made suits and shirts.

Safian & Rudolph Jewelers celebrated the opening of its expanded showroom at Seventh and Sansom on Thursday with lots of gems and an appearance from Fox29's **Mike Jerrick,** who purchased an engagement ring there for his girlfriend, **Shelda McDonald**. The pair got engaged at NYC's Grand Central Station on Saturday. "Mike came to meet with me and said he really wanted to have a ring put together within a day so he could propose on 12/13/14," says S&F's **Rich Goldberg**.

Onetime "Top Chef" competitor **Jason Cichonski**'s Old City eatery **The Gaslight** is teaming up with neighbors (and brothers) **Eric** and **Ryan Berley** of **Franklin Fountain** for a $45 four-course dinner on Dec. 18 that pairs Cichonski's casual cuisine with the Berleys' sipping chocolates.

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Chef Jason Cichonski / PROVIDED

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Music: Women who ruled 2014

This year solidified something that's been clear for a few years now: When it comes to pop music, the ladies are killing it. Sure, the men put in a good showing, but when you turn on the radio (or stream via Spotify or Pandora or beam it in from space on Sirius XM), you're going to hear a lot of women. These are our picks for the women who defined pop music this year.

LISA WEIDENFELD AND EMILY LAURENCE

Lorde

Eighteen-year-old Lorde went from singer to producer this year by curating "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1" soundtrack. Including artists such as CHVRCHES, The Chemical Brothers and her own song, "Flicker Beat," earned her respect from critics and teen fans alike.

Ariana Grande

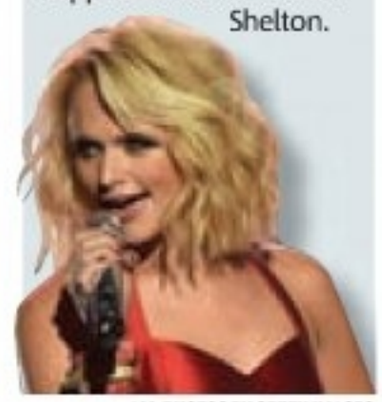
It was impossible to miss Grande this year. Her album "My Everything" generated three top tracks: "Problem" (featuring Iggy Azalea), "Break Free" (featuring Zedd) and "Love Me Harder" (featuring The Weeknd).

Nicki Minaj

Minaj scored another huge hit with "Anaconda," and garnered tons of views for the sexy/funny video co-starring Drake, which set a Vevo record for most views in its first 24 hours online, with 19.6 million hits.

Miranda Lambert

Being honored as CMT's Artist of the Year wasn't the only accolade Miranda Lambert racked up this year. She's also up for four Grammys. If she wins, it will be her first time taking one home since 2010. But don't call it a country comeback — her fans have long been supportive of Mrs. Blake Shelton.



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Beyonce

Her album came out in late 2013, technically, but there's no denying that it was one of the biggest hits of 2014, giving us all a chance to say "surfboard" to each other and worship at the throne of Queen B. Plus, her cover of her own "Crazy in Love" turned the "Fifty Shades of Grey" trailer into something genuinely steamy.

Charli XCX

This year was huge for Charli XCX, with "Boom Clap" on the "Fault in Our Stars" soundtrack becoming a must-have for bookish teens everywhere.

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift's reign continued this year with the mega success of her first strictly pop album, "1989." It debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts, and her "Shake It Off" video is one of the most watched of the year with over 356 million views. Her album, plus a massive stadium tour and endorsements, helped the 25-year-old earn a cool $57 million this year.

Iggy Azalea

The rapper had what might have been one of the biggest breakthrough years ever, teaming up with Charli XCX for "Fancy" and Ariana Grande for "Problem." And she's already claimed a piece of history: She's the only act other than the Beatles to have her first two top 100 Billboard hits rank Nos. 1 and 2.

St. Vincent

The singer has come a long way from her time as a member of the Polyphonic Spree. After her much-loved team-up with David Byrne in 2012, she came back with 2014's eponymously titled "St. Vincent," her biggest success yet — she earned a Grammy nom for Best Alternative Music Album.

Tove Lo

Sometimes singing about sex clubs and getting high can pay off — it did for Swedish singer Tove Lo, who broke big here in the States this year with her song, "Habits (Stay High)," which reached No. 3 on the Billboard charts.

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Jeff Probst: Inside the 'Survivor' casting process

TV. With the 30th season of the reality series on deck, the host talks about how he finds people you want to tune in for.

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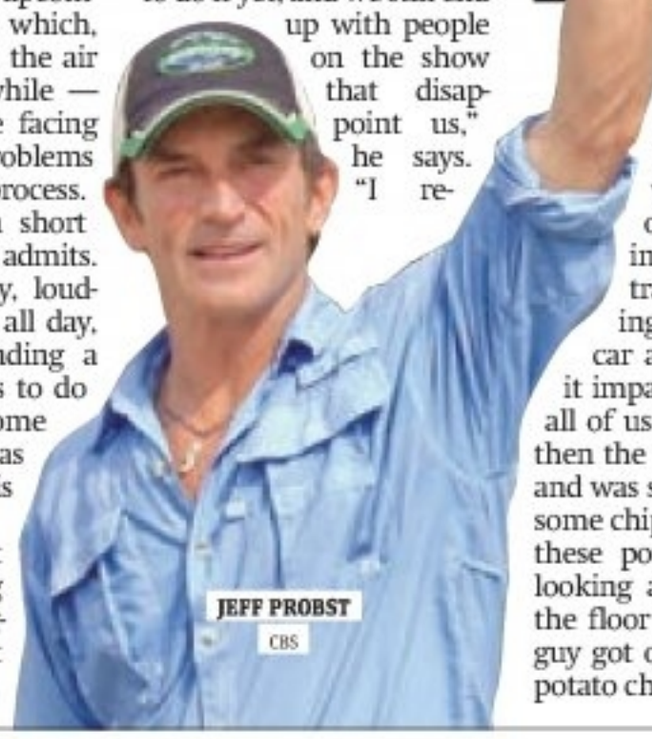
You might find this hard to believe, but the 29th season of "Survivor" wraps up today. That's right, the 29th. And host Jeff Probst's thoughts are already firmly on the 30th, debuting next year. Actually, that's not entirely accurate. He's thinking beyond that. "I'm always amazed at how much time we spend on casting — months and months," he says. "Every year it feels like we're starting over and we're once again even now, looking for Seasons 31 and 32."

And for those upcoming seasons — which, again, won't be on the air for a good long while — Probst says they're facing some familiar problems with the casting process. "We're once again short on women," he admits. "We can find lippy, loudmouth weird guys all day, every day, but finding a woman who wants to do it, who wants to come out there and has the personality is tough."

You'd think that they'd have casting for the reality juggernaut down pat by now, but not according to Probst. "Here we are 30 seasons later and sometimes I feel like we still don't quite know how to do it yet, and we still end up with people on the show that disappoint us," he says. "I remember about Season 5 or 6, we had back-to-back interviews with people, and one woman came in and told this tragic story of losing her husband in a car accident and how it impacted her life, and all of us were bored. And then the next guy came in and was saying, 'I'm eating some chips downstairs and these potato chips I was looking at,' and we're on the floor laughing. Which guy got on the show? The potato chip guy."


JEFF PROBST
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Location scouting

Not going back Down Under

"Survivor" went to Australia for its second season, and while it has revisited plenty of other locales, the show has never returned to that continent. Why is that, exactly? "I don't know why we're not back, especially given our location scout is Australian and at least half of our crew are Aussies," Probst says. "That was a great place for us. I can't even believe I haven't asked why we're not there, but I'm sure if I call [producer] Jesse [Jensen] right now he'd say, 'Oh, mate here's why. Number one, we can't afford it.' That's a big problem right now. It's just the falling dollar. We can't afford the places that we used to be able to afford."

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Interview. John Waters takes his Christmas show on the road again

John Waters is a cult director who over time has gained such a large following that he's now mainstream by default. Every December, Waters' present to his legions of fans is "A John Waters Christmas," a show combining stories and comedy to help them brace for, and embrace, the holidays.

When did you decide to take on Christmas?
Well, I took it on the way Johnny Mathis took it on, only the opposite way. I mean, I do love Christmas. Now I love it because I have 17 jobs. I'm always, like, a drag queen on Halloween, but if it's Christmas, I'm working. I tour up until the night before I throw my annual Christmas party, which I've had for 45 years.

Is there a fine line between reverence and irreverence when it comes to Christmas?
My show is for people who love it and who hate it. I understand that if I wasn't Christian that I would be pissed off looking at a Nativity scene in front of the State Capitol. And I am against that. But I do go — like a crazy person goes to haunted houses on Halloween — to living creches because they are the scariest things in the world to me. I'm a connoisseur of bad human creches.

Was Christmas a big deal for your family?
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Middle-earth romp. Last 'Hobbit' is the best, but still pretty dodgy

Alas, Martin Freeman's Bilbo doesn't have a ton to do in the final "Hobbit" film. / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

The lowdown Much like life itself, now that Peter Jackson's not terribly necessary return to Middle-earth is over, it's sad to see it go. Though the reboot is inevitable — surely in, like, 10 years — this is the last time you'll see Ian McKellen's Gandalf and others. It's a bittersweet end. The whole series has been often gruesomely Stretch Armstrong-ed. The third isn't even really a stand-alone film; it dispatches with fire-breathing Smaug (with the hammy voice of Benedict Cumberbatch) before the opening title, then builds to the titular skirmish. That's not to say it's not entertaining anyway. For sheer minute-by-minute goings-on, it's the series' most solid number. The tone is darker, the action more violent, with Jackson showing how deft he can be at choreographing Spielbergian action. But it's still thin. Martin Freeman's Bilbo largely served his purpose in the previous episode, meaning he's a bit lost here. The padding remains considerable, as do weak characters (Can you tell the dwarves apart?). Still, superfluous and endless as the "Hobbit" films have been, once "The Battle of the Five Armies" ties up with "The Fellowship of the Ring," it can't help but make one wish there was just a little bit more. **MATT PRIGGE**

Review

'The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies'

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Stars: Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage

Rating: PG-13

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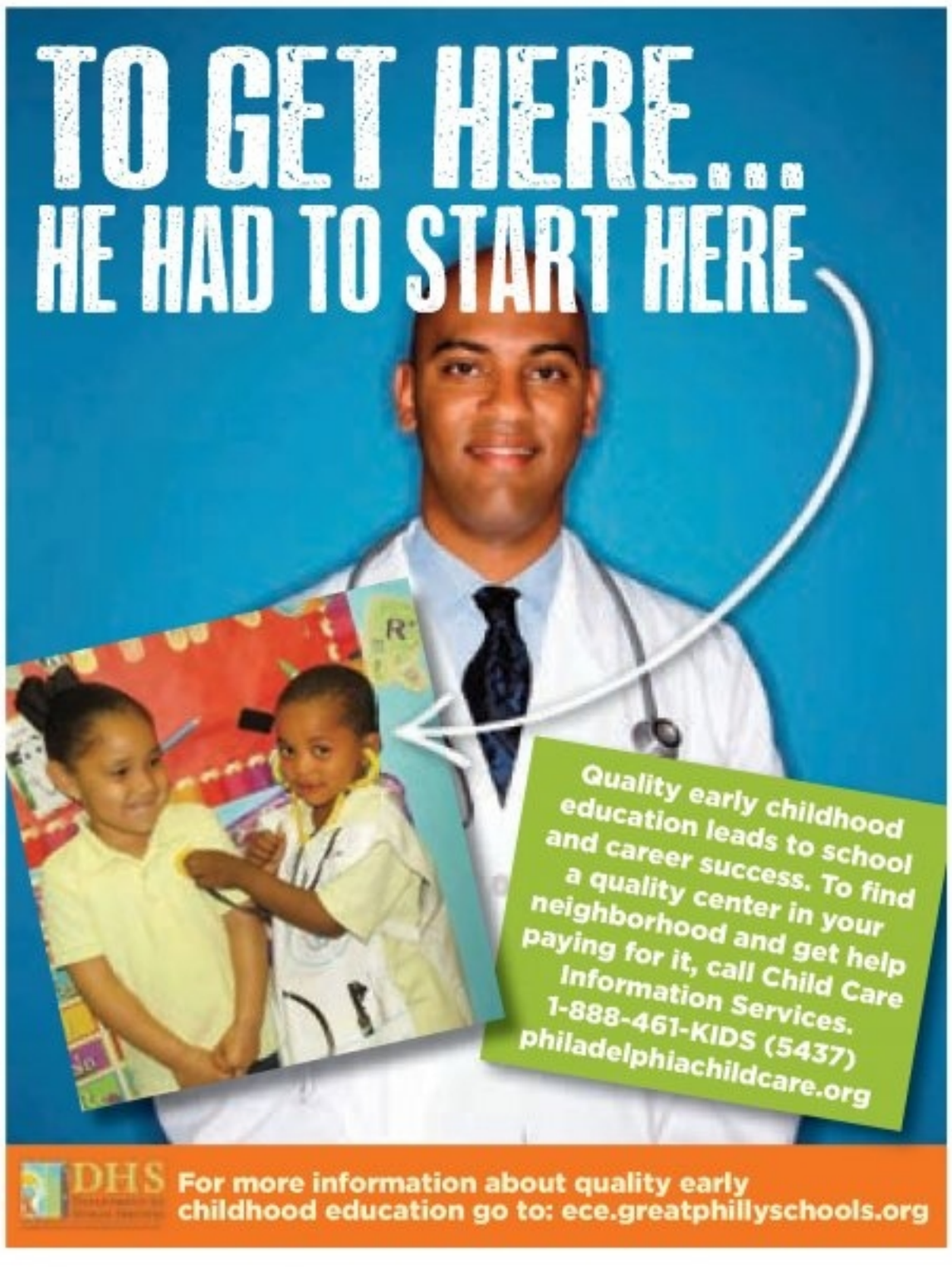
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Holiday party prep

Tips. Throw a party like a pro.

It's your turn to host. Don't let the painfully curated affairs you see on Pinterest scare you away from inviting loved ones over for a festive bash. We turned to some of the biggest entertaining experts for their tried-and-true holiday hosting tips. Just make sure someone pins the pics.

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Camille Styles, founder of CamilleStyles.com

Have a plan
As an event stylist and lifestyle blogger, Styles knows all the tricks to throwing a seamless dinner party. "First, create a timeline counting down the 24 hours before mealtime, listing exactly when all menu items should be prepared. Then put that list on the refrigerator door and follow it to the letter," she says.

Avoid clutter
"Create 'zones' in your space devoted to specific activities," says Styles. "Before guests arrive, designate a spot for coats and purses, a place for younger kids to play and a self-serve bar that's separate from the food, so that guests flow throughout the room and maximize available space."

Bake!
Everyone loves homemade treats. Styles shares her recipe for Salted Chocolate Brownie Cookies, which you can find at www.metro.us.

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Martha Stewart, founder of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia

Decorate
"Wreaths look great on doors, and even better in unexpected spots," says the domestic queen. "Suspend them in front of a mirror, or hang them indoors on windows." When it comes to the table, Stewart has some rules for the centerpiece. "They should not be too strong-smelling or so tall that you can't clearly see the people across from you," she says, adding, "Centerpieces can be flowers, vegetables, glass, candlesticks or even a fine piece of art."

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Abby Larson, founder and editor of Style Me Pretty Living

Serve seasonal foods
"During the holidays, stock a few seasonal favorites like all of the fixings for hot chocolate and stovetop apple cider," says Larson, whose site showcases some of the prettiest parties. "I also like to keep a cheesecake, a breakfast strata and a homemade pasta sauce in the freezer for impromptu parties."

Abby Larson / BRITTANY AMBRIDGE

Let your hair down
"Holiday entertaining doesn't have to be formal," she insists. "There is always a place for messy parties that bring people together like a gift wrapping party or a kid's crafting get-together."

Hand 'em a drink
"The easiest way to make guests feel at home is with a cocktail," says Larson. This season, she's loving Shirley Temples for the little ones and a champagne cocktail for the grown-ups.

PLUS

Go natural

Set the table

"For this year's holiday table, I created a 'runner' made from evergreen branches and incorporated some vintage candlesticks and a few clusters of red berries," says Styles.

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Party makeup in minutes

Primp. Getting glam in the office bathroom just got easier.

Face it, there's no time to run home after work to get ready for a party during holiday season. But that doesn't mean you want to show up to the office at 9 a.m. with a face full of makeup or lug a giant cosmetics bag around. Bobbi Brown makeup artist Cassandra Garcia shows us how to get glam on the go.

Statement lip

"The first step is to pick your focus," says Garcia. Are you a bright lip girl? "Then add a red lipstick at the end of the day," she suggests. "It will instantly change your look." To finish, Garcia says to apply a complementary blush. "It balances out the look," she explains. "You see some women who just put on the dark lip — and it's like, 'whoa.'"

Learn how to be your own makeup artist. Bobbi Brown offers complimentary lessons at all makeup counters and online.

ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Sparkle

If eyes are your focus, bring on the glittery shadow. "It really opens your eyes up and looks super party and super holiday," says Garcia, adding that makeup guru Bobbi Brown loves Sparkle Shadow. "She calls it 'diamond earrings for your eyes.'"

Complete the look by applying a little eyeliner and another coat of mascara at the end of the day.

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The most important step

Get rid of any evidence that you've already been to three parties earlier in the week with a quick swipe of concealer under your eyes. Garcia tells us the dos and don'ts.

Base layer To stop your concealer from getting too cake-y, apply a very thin layer of eye cream first, says Garcia: "We get those lines under our eyes because we're a little dry and a little textured under there." But avoid heavy cream because "nothing sticks onto it."

Application Depending on the time and tools you have, either tap in the concealer or apply it with a brush," says Garcia. Here's how: Glide the concealer under the eye. Start by putting it in the inner corner and sweep it up to the lash line. Then tap it in with your finger.

"When you're tapping, the warmth of your finger just melts the concealer into your skin," she says.

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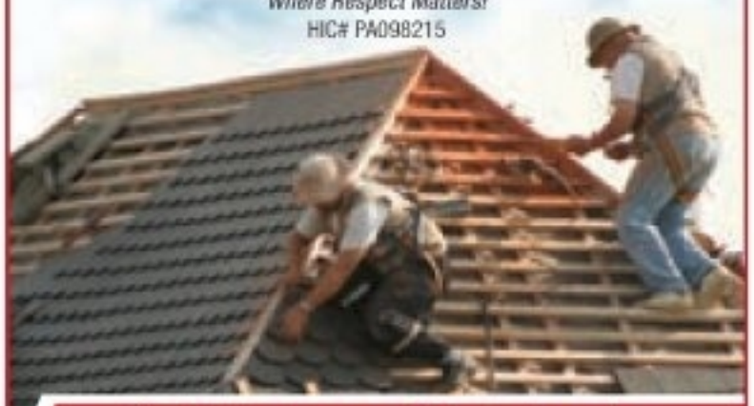

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The year in food

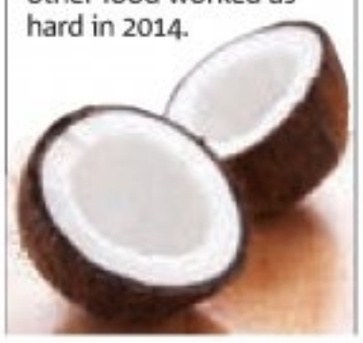
What we eat took on major significance in 2014 as food's role in health and environmental sustainability hit the headlines. We digest the year's trends with NYU food studies associate professor Lisa Sasson. **EVA KIS**

Gluten-free diet

No, you haven't been secretly allergic to gluten all your life. "Certain people definitely have a disease where they need to avoid gluten, but it's become a fad without scientific basis," she says. "If you don't eat bread and you don't eat cookies or cake anymore, and you find you feel better and you actually lost weight, it's not the gluten — it's because you've eliminated from your diet what may have been the culprit of weight gain."

2 Coconut

The giant tropical seed that has gone so long being used solely as a vessel for fruity frozen drinks had a breakout year. Its oil does double duty as a healthy cooking alternative and moisturizer, its water is supercharged with nutrients, and its sap has been distilled into the hot, new sweetener (just remember that sugar is still sugar). No other food worked as hard in 2014.



3 Detoxing

"That word is so loaded, it sounds so 'wow,'" says Sasson, dismissing cleanses as ridiculous. "There is no research to back them, and if anything they can be harmful because some people can eat unhealthily for a few days and think it's OK because they can detox." You're better off getting enough fiber than starving yourself on a juice cleanse.

4 Kale

We ate ourselves into not one but two shortages this year, and kale is primed to stay hot. "I think we're gonna see more uses for kale — people are gonna go to frozen kale and have it all year round, and maybe more ways to incorporate kale in the diet." Look for other cruciferous vegetables, especially cauliflower, to get their turn in the superfood spotlight.

5 Butter

The New York Times reopened the conversation about butter, but don't think its reputation has been entirely redeemed. Sasson recommends continuing to use it sparingly. "It's when everything you consume is swimming in butter and you eat a lot of other animal fats that it can be unhealthy."

6 Gut health

Researchers are linking more and more health issues to an imbalance in gut bacteria, from mood disorders to obesity. To keep your microbiome thriving, Sasson advises getting your probiotics from naturally fermented products like cultured milk, sauerkraut and kimchi instead of supplements. "You can get a lot of really healthy bacteria from food."

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♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Gifts are heading in your direction. If you let your imagination take over, you will come up with ways to please the ones you love.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Be precise when giving instructions in order to avoid wrong impressions. Problems and anger will result if you are misunderstood.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You will be able to win others to your side. A romantic liaison at an appealing destination will strengthen your bond with someone special. Enjoy the moment.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Get your financial security in place. Have a discussion about your monetary situation with your financial adviser.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Professional gains are possible if you take the time to do an in-depth search before moving forward.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Suspicious or jealous behavior will lead to a rift with someone. Be honest about your feelings and give whomever you are dealing with a chance to be heard.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. An unexpected encounter with an old friend will bring back fond memories. Loosen up, have some fun and find a place where you can enjoy friends.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. A minor mishap at home will remind you to be more careful. Someone you trust will have the answers you are looking for.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Attend a community event that all family members will enjoy. A pleasure trip will help take care of the stress.

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Letters

A fitting punishment

Re: 'Tragedy no excuse for barbarism' (Metro, Dec. 15) I sort of applaud letter writer and crime victim Ruth Conner's aspirations to nobler principles. My father was killed similarly 30 years ago. The men were caught. A young man then, I was incredulous as to why they were not given the legalized death penalty, though the judge deemed a life behind bars would be torturous. That may be, but we were deprived a father, a wife of her mate. One day, my father's killer will be freed. But if up to me, I would've been in the front row to see the fatal cocktail sent homeward to see the shooter's eyes close. Then I would have been able to sleep better.

STEVEN P. SCALICI, VIA EMAIL

Good and grand

Re: 'Goodbye, grand jury' (Metro, Dec. 16) If there were no grand jury for the Michael Brown case, do you really think the witnesses would have came forward and told what really happened that day, and as one juror said, "everything being put out in the media that he was shot in cold blood was a lie." These people would have been crucified in their community for speaking the truth in a normal trial. Of course some people think that would have been justice.

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43 Sooner than
44 Pony noises
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50 Thing to hail
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53 Steaks (hyph.)
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70 Trickle slowly

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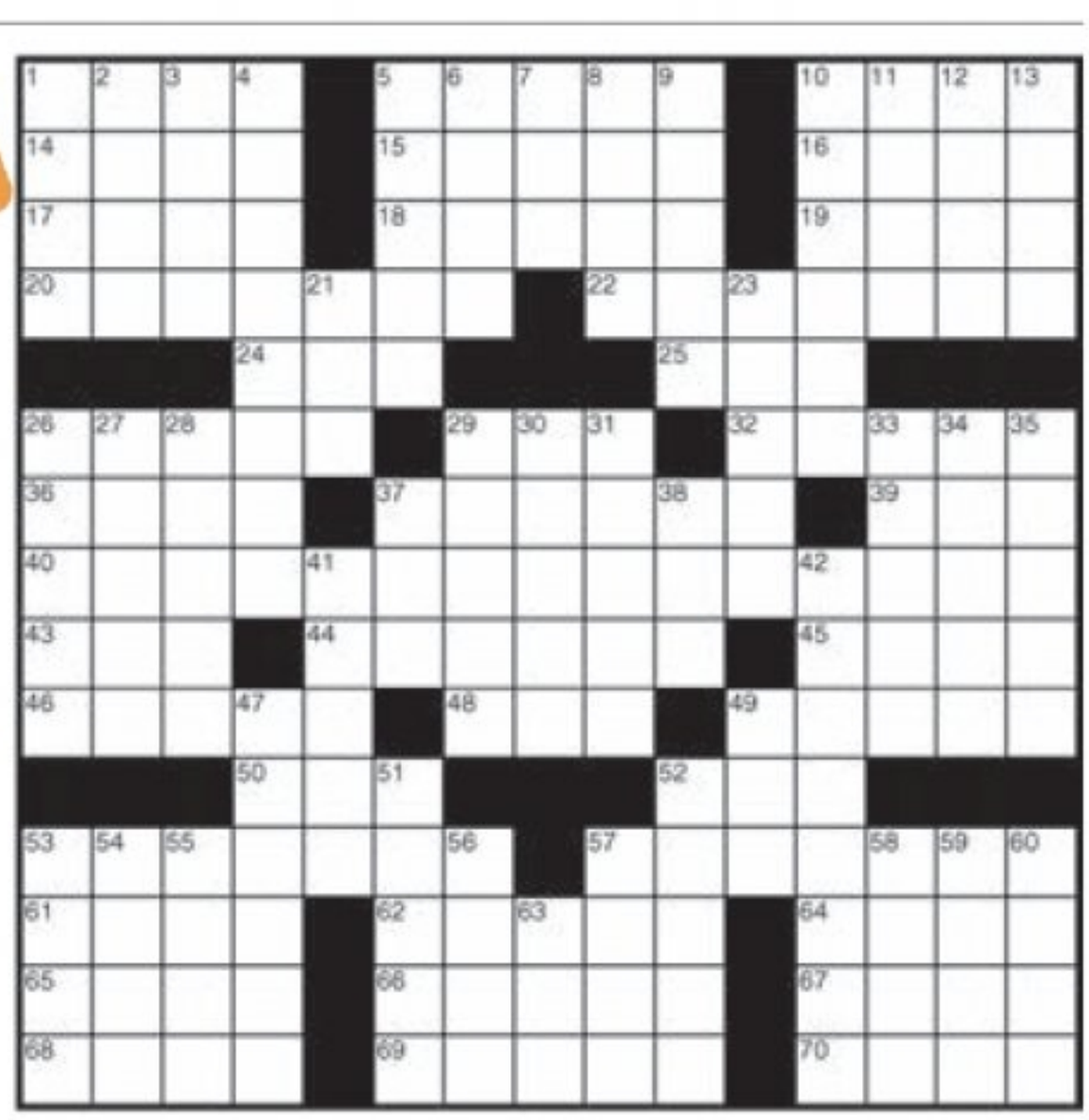

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3 SPORTS

The right choice

Gruden prefers Maclin

In a conference call with Eagles media Tuesday, Redskins coach Jay Gruden had interesting comments about both DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin. "We haven't seen the DeSean we need to see," he said on the former Eagle Jackson. "[He's the] type of guy you want," he said on Maclin.

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A look at the Eagles' playoff possibilities

NFL. The Eagles will need some help from other teams if they want to earn a postseason berth.

With the Eagles loss to the Cowboys Sunday they also lost the ability to determine their own fate with regard to a playoff berth.

The Birds have two games remaining, both on the road. Saturday at 4:30 p.m. they travel to Washington where they'll play the 3-11 Redskins.

Then in Week 17, Philly travels up I-95 to MetLife Stadium to finish the regular season against the suddenly hot Giants, winners of two straight.

These games take on an even stronger importance after the Eagles dropped from 9-3 and the division lead to 9-5 and second place after their first back-to-back losses since October of 2013. All the Eagles can focus on is what they can control.

"The only thing that matters is just our next game," Chip Kelly said. "We can't think anything long term. We don't worry about who does what and who does anything. If we don't go out and beat Washington, then it's kind of a moot point, anyway."

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While the Eagles coaches and players are focused on the task at hand, the fans and pundits can focus on the three scenarios that get the Eagles into the postseason.

1 Eagles go 2-0, Cowboys go 0-2
The Eagles must win out with Dallas losing either next week to the Colts or in Week 17 to the Redskins. Should this occur, the Birds would actually win the NFC East (they own the tie-breaker against Dallas).

2 Eagles go 1-1, Cowboys go 0-2
This is the situation the Birds hope to avoid, but as long as the Cowboys fall to the Colts in Week 16, the Eagles have life.

3 Eagles go 2-0, Lions, Seahawks or Packers 0-2
The Eagles are currently in seventh place in the NFC (there are six playoff spots). If they can't leapfrog Dallas for the division, they need one of the three teams listed above to go winless in their last two games since the Eagles would lose tie-breakers against all three (each 10-4).

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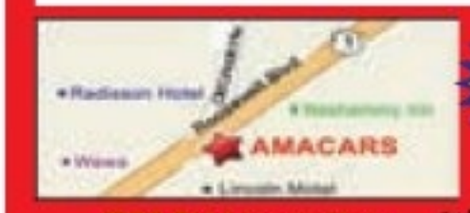

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On paper, the 76ers 2-22 record is laughable, but their effort and determination on the court brings the team respect throughout the league. / GETTY IMAGES

76ers keep going down, but not without fighting

NBA. The Sixers front office may be maneuvering to tank the season, but the players on the roster battle every night.

76ers coach Brett Brown called the loss "cruel."

He was right. It's been that kind of season — frustrating, maddening and, yes, cruel. Through 24 games, the Sixers are 2-22. They've yet to win at home, going 0-13 following Monday's 18-point loss to the Boston Celtics.

The Sixers are inching toward setting a dubious record for the most home losses to open a season. In 1993-94, the Dallas Mavericks began 0-19 at home.

With one home game remaining in 2014 — Friday night against the Charlotte Hornets — the Sixers are searching for their first win at the Wells Fargo Center since April 14.

Back on Saturday night, the Sixers looked primed to break the streak as they pulled ahead of the Memphis Grizzlies by 18 points with 7:35 remaining. But Mike Conley got red hot, finished with a career-best 36 points and helped the Grizzlies win in overtime.

It's been that type of season.

"I want to stand here and tell everybody that it's a great learning experience, and there's some truth to that," Brown said. "But the truth of the matter is, that's a gut-wrenching loss. That's a fact. I feel for those guys.'"

So does Conley.

"You can see how hard they're playing and it was tough for us," said Conley, who sent the game into overtime with an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Just about every night, the Sixers have competed like crazy. They just don't have the pieces in place yet. Or the experience.

Reigning Rookie of the Year Michael Carter-Williams picked up his second triple-double of the season against the Grizzlies with 16 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists. But he struggled mightily down the stretch and in overtime with a number of costly turnovers and poor shot selection.

"My overtime performance was terrible," MCW said. "I was trying to do too much. I was pretty upset the game even got to overtime, and I let it get to me."

"(MCW) just wanted to bring us home. He wanted to do too much — that fine line of attacking and being aggressive," Brown added. "He was strong throughout most of the game, and in overtime we just didn't have the ability to execute."

Following the game against the Hornets, the Sixers will embark on a seven-game road trip.

They're still searching for that elusive home win.

"They'll get it," Conley said. "Like I said, they play so hard. They'll get it."

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"They play so hard and never give up. We just made a few plays we needed at the end. We were fortunate. I was so impressed with how they competed."

Grizzlies guard Mike Conley on the 76ers blown 18-point lead Saturday.

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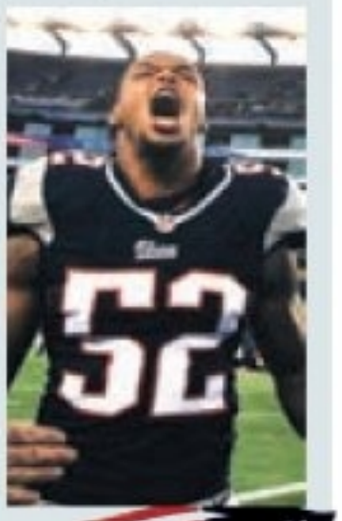

Patriots (11-3)

The Pats are back in the No. 1 spot by virtue of the Packers' loss to the Bills and their blowout win over a Miami team that was playing for its playoff life. The Pats should coast against the Jets this weekend, but that Week 17 game against Buffalo should have plenty of meaning for both teams.

No. 2

Broncos (11-3)

Terrance Knighton threw a Christmas tree on the Pats-Broncos rivalry fire by more or less guaranteeing a January win in Foxboro.

No. 3

Seahawks (10-4)

This defense has given up an average of just 6.75 points per game since Week 12. Unheard of stuff in this era.

No. 4

Packers (10-4)

The last time Aaron Rodgers played a game following a loss he threw six touchdown passes in one outing. Look out, Tampa Bay.

No. 5

Cardinals (11-3)

The Cardinals have averaged just 12.8 points per game since Week 11. That's not going to cut it against Seattle.

No. 6

Cowboys (10-4)

Dallas' win at Philly was an all-timer in the "where-the-hell-did-that-come-from?" category. Do not wager on pro football.

No. 7

Lions (10-4)

Their 16-14 home win over Minnesota wasn't easy as they had to rally after being down 14-0. But a win is a win over the gritty Vikings.

No. 8

Colts (10-4)

Finally, the Colts face some legit competition as they'll tangle with the Cowboys in Dallas this weekend.

No. 9

Eagles (9-5)

When Mark Sanchez starts doing that twirly thing he does in the pocket, it's over. No Nick Foles at Washington this weekend. Look out.

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